के जरिए निधियों को जुटाने के अलावा, वे सम्बद्ध राज्यों में उत्पादित कोयले पर लगाए गए अन्य करों तथा रायल्टी के जरिए काफी राजस्व का संग्रहण करती है, अतः वे स्वयं ही सड़कों का निर्माण किए जाने के लिए निधियों को जुटाने की व्यवस्था करें, जिसमें कोयला क्षेत्रों में स्थित सड़कों की व्यवस्था भी शामिल है।

Cost of production of coal

3826. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of a tonne of coal in India;

(b) how it compares with those of the advanced countries; and

(c) what specific steps have been taken to reduce the cost of production of coal in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The cost of production of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) coal for 1990-91 was Rs. 277.18 and Rs. 401.05 per tonne respectively.

(b) The cost of coal production of a few countries available for the year 1986-87 as compared to Coal India Limited is given below:-

Country	Cost of production	
	US$ per tonne	Rs/. tonne
U.K. . . .	68.80	873.10
Belgium . .	71.00	901.02
F.R. Germany .	114.20	1449.24
Poland	29.00	368.02
India (CIL) .	..	221.54

(c) Some of the major steps taken to brin down the cost of production of coal in Coal India Limited are as follows:-

1. Improved manpower planning including redeployment of surplus workers and restricting the intake of new employees against vacancies caused by natural wastage.

2. Control of increase in manpower through voluntary retirement schemes.

3. The concept of 'all men-all Jobs' is being tried on an experimental basis.

4. Increase in production and productivity with special emphasis on underground mines.

5. Improvement in the availability and utilisation of equipment by providing adequate workshop support, improved management of spares and timely rehabilitation of equipments.

6. A number of systems improvement and managerial measures have been adopted to improve efficiency of operations.

Illegal transportation of Coal by benami dealers

3827. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that hundreds of lorries of coal from Singareni collieries are illegally transported daily by benami dealers; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to check this practice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. have stated that they have not been supplying coal to any dealer since 1983. All the industries are supplied coal directly by them, on the basis of recommendation of the concerned sponsoring authority of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. Regular check is being carried out by them to avoid misutilisation of coal by the industries. Coal supply is suspended to an industrial unit if misutilisation/ diversion is detected.